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The program is hosted by Hillary Kaell, Assistant Professor of Religion at Concordia University in Montreal, and Kristian Petersen, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at University of Nebraska Omaha. For more information, go to <http://newbooksinreligion.com/>.